6. Physical Director's office and Medical Inspection room combined.

7. The Students' Co-operative Store-room. (This was shifted to this block to have a more central position.)

The new arrangement does not entail inconvenience to staff or students.

(c) Yes; classes under the auspices of the Arts Club are held.

(d) Yes.

(e) In a thatched building in the Cosmopolitan Hostel compound, both inaccessible and inadequate for the students. The canteen was introduced in 1106.

(f) Insufficiency of accommodation in the old building which was further required for the use of the Cosmopolitan Hostel.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—With regard to subdivision (c) what is the nature of the classes under the auspices of the Arts Club? What are the subjects taught?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— A certain amount of singing and painting.

Half-fee concession—Govindan—Pananji High School.

65. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date of receipt of an application from one Thuppran of Kattakampal for half-fee concession for his son Govindan of preparatory class in the Pazhani High School in the beginning of this academic year by the local village officers;

(b) when was the poverty certificate given to the applicant;

(c) was the applicant benefited by the certificate;

(d) if not, why;

(e) was there any similar application from any one of the guardians of the students studying in the same school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) On 11th Mithunam 1110.

(b) On 22nd Karkadagam 1110.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes; there was an application from one Cheriakku.

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Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Which is the last date for submitting poverty certificates?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is no last date prescribed by the rules. But for the convenience of the speedy transaction of the business the department has prescribed 6 weeks after the reopening of the school.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—According to that, was this student eligible for a poverty certificate?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— Sir, I cannot exactly remember the date. He might not have been.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Who is generally responsible for the issue of poverty certificates?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Some officers of the Revenue Department not below the rank of a Parvathiam.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Why was such a delay caused in this particular case? The certificate ought to have been received before the 22nd Karkitakam. Then only he will be eligible for this half fee concession. But in this case he got the certificate only on the 22nd Karkitakam. So he may not have been responsible for the delay.

Mr. I. N. Menon.— Finding that these certificates were delayed for some reason or other the period for the concession was extended.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Who was responsible for the delay in the award of this certificate?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is very difficult to locate the responsibility. The delay was the result of interim correspondence.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Government are aware that difficulty is experienced by deserving applicants for obtaining poverty certificates in time?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— Some complaints have been made with regard to that subject.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not because that the Parvathiam and the other Revenue Officers had a hand in this matter that this delay was caused? Is it a fact that the Director of Public Instruction had to intervene in this matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon—I don't know what the Hon'ble Member means by intervention. I sometimes remind. If it is intervention I have intervened.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to see that in deserving cases certificates are issued with the minimum amount of delay?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Who is the final authority to give these certificates?

Mr. I. N. Menon—Certificates must be issued by the Revenue authorities.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what action was taken in pursuance of the assurance by the Hon'ble Member for Education that thereafter the question of allowing respectable people of the locality to issue certificates will be considered in connection with a cut motion pressed by the Hon'ble Member for Anthikad?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The question of allowing the respectable people of the locality to issue poverty certificates has been considered and orders have been issued by the Government sanctioning it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What were the orders please?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Presidents of Village Panchayats have been allowed to issue certificates to deserving candidates.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has that information been given to the Presidents of the several Panchayats?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—They have been duly informed?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has the President of Methala-Panchayat been informed of it?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The President of the Panchayats are being informed.

Land Mortgage Bank

66. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how far has the establishment of the Land Mortgage Bank progressed;

(b) the amount of expenditure incurred on this account till now?

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